

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides various embodiments of a system and a process for updating e-mail and other forms of electronic messages via a change of address network. In one embodiment, the system includes a Sponsor Database (containing mailbox/address information utilized by a Sponsor to send information to a recipient) connected to a Network Server which receives updates of mailbox/address changes from recipients and, in certain embodiments, other Sponsors. In other embodiments, a Reconnection Manager facilitates the exchange of information between the Sponsors and the Network Server. Also, one embodiment of the process provides updated mailbox/address information to those Sponsors which a recipient has previously identified to the Network Server as being acceptable for receiving the update information. The invention also provides various embodiments by which a recipient may register change of address information with the Network Server and processes utilized by the Network Server to verify such registrations are valid.

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